

The public airways are being terribly misused to the detriment of all of our people.

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. The concentration of large companies controlling the public airwaves had produced a situation where the public good isn't served, only the corporate bottom line. This is a dangerous turn for the future of our democracy. Already too much "news" is canned and generic, carefully vetted by corporate interests to offend no power. We NEED real news, free from bias, and directed at the public good, not the corporate books.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.